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Vacation classes for teachers in the mufassal training schools.

*1729 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: With reference to my question No. 449 answered on 27th August 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of holding vacation classes for teachers in the mufassal training schools; and

(b) what they propose to do in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have asked the Director of Public Instruction to consider the question and submit a report to Government. His report is awaited.

Local Boards

Nomination of Christians to represent depressed classes in local boards.

*1730 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 736 answered on 20th October 1927, regarding nomination of Christians to represent depressed classes in local boards—

(a) what the replies to (a) and (b) of that question are; and

(b) whether Christians come under 'depressed classes' or 'minorities'?

A.—(a) The President, District Board, Kistna, has reported that no Adi-Andhra has been appointed as a member of the Gudivada Union Board. He has been asked to instruct the President of the Taluk Board, Gudivada, to appoint a suitable Adi-Andhra in the next vacancy on the Union Board.

(b) A Christian is not necessarily 'depressed' by reason of his religion. As a community Christians may be said to form a minority community.

Construction of the new building of the Madura District Board office.

*1731 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: With reference to my question No. 754 answered on 31st March 1927, regarding the construction of the new building of the Madura District Board office and to the answer given to the supplementary questions put thereon by Mr. L. K. Tulasiram, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government called for the information; if so, to what effect;

(b) whether they will kindly place the report received from the president, district board, concerned on the table;

(c) if the report had been called for and received, whether the Government have decided upon the change of site of the building to a more suitable place;

(d) when the work was stopped last and what is the intention of the District Board, Madura, in the matter;